

## REGIONAL NEWS

## NOUVELLES RÉGIONALES

## NEWFOUNDLAND

Funded by a grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Gerald L. Pocius of the Department of Folklore, Memorial University of Newfoundland, has begun researching the vernacular architecture of the Southern Shore region of the island, an area south of St. John's settled since the late 17th century by English and Irish fishermen. The first phase of the project involved the field recording of structures in the various communities of the region, followed by a search of archival sources in St. John's dealing with the area. The architectural forms and their changes over time will be used to examine several key issues: English-Irish cultural borrowings; the class system as manifested in these forms; innovative architectural features and the question of isolation and external idea sources; evolution of architectural forms as indicators of change in family and community structure.

With the first stage of field research nearly complete, a number of vernacular types have been delineated which have not been previously reported in the printed literature. Several of these types seem to be 19th century survivals of earlier forms once built in 17th century England and New England but now rarely extant. When archival research involving a search of newspapers, photographs, land grants, maps, and other documents is completed, analysis of the field data can proceed more fully.

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"Interiors," a colloquium on Cultural Patterns in the Atlantic Canadian Home, will be held in St. John's, Newfoundland, at the end of September, 1981. It is the second in a series of colloquia to be sponsored by the Atlantic Canada Institute (ACI) and cooperating agencies which, in the case of the 1981 ACI Colloquium, will be the Newfoundland Museum and Memorial University of Newfoundland.

The theme of the conference grew from a realization that many of the region's academics, museum personnel, collectors and local historians have been studying the Atlantic home and its artifacts for over a dozen years now but have never had the opportunity of seeing their work in the context of the whole house, nor in the context of the region. To that end the conference organizers (Neil Rosenberg and Shane O'Dea of Memorial University, and Victoria Dickenson of the Newfoundland Museum) have brought together a collection of people working on furniture history, decoration and house custom for a number of individual sessions on these aspects of the home. Topics of presentations will range from furniture to wakes. It is also intended to have a single session which examines the Acadian House in all its aspects--a session which should represent a typical house study. Another session will deal with several aspects of the Newfoundland house. As the colloquium's title "Interiors" suggests, the concern is not with the architecture of the building but rather with the internal spaces and the objects and occasions that fill those spaces.

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## ALBERTA

Alberta Culture, Historic Sites Service is sponsoring a lecture series entitled "You and Your Old House". Various professionals will discuss researching, renovating and maintaining an older house. The series will be held Wednesday evenings at 8:00 p.m. (beginning April 15) at Old St. Stephen's College, 8820 - 112 Street, Edmonton. Information: 4272022